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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH CONGEN'S VIEW THAT IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN THE LOW-PROFILE POSITION CONCERNING CONGEN'S CHINA WATCHING ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG. CONGEN SHOULD NOT AGREE TO INTERVIEWS OR TO "MOOD SHOTS" WITHIN CONGEN BUILDING.

2. YOU MAY INFORM NBC REPRESENTATIVES THAT YOU ARE COMPLYING WITH DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE IN TAKING THIS POSITION. AT SAME TIME, YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO POINT OUT THAT CONGEN HAS INVARIABLY LEANED OVER BACKWARD TO MEET NEEDS OF US NEWSMEN, BUT THAT CONGEN'S ABILITY TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY REQUIRES THAT WE RESPECT THE SENSITIVITIES OF OUR BRITISH HOSTS AND CHINESE NEIGHBORS.
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